

While the military and diplomatic cooperation over the years is impressive, there are so many other areas in which relations between our two nations have flourished over the course of the past 50 years. The United States and Qatar have extensive economic ties. As Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and its single largest source of imports, the United States has developed a robust trade relationship with Qatar, with over 120 U.S. companies operating in country. U.S. exports to Qatar increased by 47.7 percent from 2018 to 2019, totaling \$6.5 billion in 2019.

Major education ties have been developed over the course of the fifty-year relationship. Annually, hundreds of Qatari students study in the United States. In addition, six U.S. universities have branch campuses in Qatar's Education City complex. These include Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, and Northwestern University.

In short, over the course of the 50-year relationship, the United States and Qatar have developed military and strategic ties, cooperated on major diplomatic initiatives, enlarged financial and economic relations, and supported worthy causes and educational advancement for students in both countries. Significantly, although our two nations are in different regions of the world, with different histories and cultures, they have been able to forge an enduring friendship based on many shared values. I look forward to this relationship deepening even further in the next 50 years and beyond.

**HONORING DR. MARIAM ESAT AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC IS-
LANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Mariam Esat immigrated to the United States in 1986 from Zimbabwe. In 1982, at the age of 23, she graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Zimbabwe.

Through dedication and despite a scarcity of resources, she was able to beat the odds and gained acceptance to an internal medicine residency program at New York Downtown Hospital in 1987. She then pursued an infectious disease fellowship at the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital/New York University. She is American Board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. At the height of the HIV epidemic, she joined Columbia University/Harlem Hospital as an assistant professor, serving the underprivileged population where she participated in HIV clinical trials at a time when the disease was feared, and much was unknown. She then returned to Zimbabwe for several years as there was a huge need in Sub-Saharan Africa for her expertise where HIV was rampant.

In 2003, she returned with her family to the United States. Since then, she has treated

countless patients throughout the Florida hospital systems. As president of infectious disease consultancy services, P.L. in Hunters Creek, she serves the private sector in Orange and Osceola Counties.

Dr. Esat has worked relentlessly teaching medical staff, and together as a team, they have been in the front line as first responders in the management of patients with COVID-19. She has worked diligently to save lives throughout the hospitals and intensive care units. She initiated new treatment protocols as the disease unraveled and knowledge about the disease was evolving at lightning speed.

She has held many leadership positions including chairman of the Peer Review, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, and Antimicrobial Stewardship Committees, member of the Medical Executive and Crisis Care Committees, and served on the Board of Trustees at Osceola Regional Medical Center.

**RECOGNIZING BISHOP ZACHARY N.
HICKS**

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan Northeast, a house of worship located in Detroit, Michigan and to honor the Right Reverend Zachary N. Hicks and his elevation to the Bishopric.

Bishop Hicks has faithfully pastored the Faith Clinic Church of God in Christ for over thirty years, ministering to the needs of individuals of many backgrounds in the surrounding community. He has led with a natural instinct to provide for his congregation and community through numerous outstanding programs to residents regardless of age, sex, opportunity, or background.

Bishop Hicks also notably has developed and overseen many housing and food assistance programs over the decades and is currently leading the Love N Kindness Community Development Corporation to provide to homeless veterans in the metropolitan Detroit area. His service shows a clear commitment to community development and prosperity, with a specific focus on the underprivileged and disenfranchised.

Bishop Hicks has proven his love and compassion both with his congregation and with the greater community, and this experience will serve as a great wealth of knowledge and opportunity to lead in this new role. Please join me in celebrating Bishop Zachary N. Hicks in honor of his elevation to Bishop at the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan, Northeast.

**FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COL-
LEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the team

from Front Range Community College on becoming one of twelve finalists for the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge (CCIC). This program asks small teams of U.S. community college students, alongside a faculty or administrator advisor, to craft innovative Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-based solutions for real world problems. The CCIC is meant to encourage and highlight innovations by students coming out of two-year institutions that are typically underrepresented in the areas of STEM. Finalist teams will participate in an Innovation Boot Camp, which will provide immersion in the thinking, skills, and tools that help transform innovation into entrepreneurship. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The team at Front Range tackled challenges associated with oil spills through their innovative Orca method. Inspired by the unique feeding style of whales, the Orca Oil-Separating & Bio-Filtration Vessel deploys a new method of cleaning oil spills that is both inexpensive and quick. Oil spills have tremendous environmental and economic costs, particularly on local communities, and I applaud the Front Range team for their work on this important issue.

I congratulate the Front Range team and their faculty advisor for their success. I applaud these students for their dedication to this important project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education, blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Front Range Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
BRANDON GRISSOM**

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Brandon Lyle Grissom, an honorable family man and devoted citizen throughout the luka community. Mr. Grissom exemplifies the true definition of honor and selflessness, and brought joy to all he came encounter with.

Brandon was a devoted member to luka First United Pentecostal Church as he served as the Children's Pastor and was a part of the board. A firefighter for over 25 years and was the Tishomingo County District One Supervisor, Mr. Grissom served the ones around him remarkably.

I am deeply grateful for genuine and serving citizens like Brandon Lyle Grissom, and my thoughts are with the people who loved him most.